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# Estimates of the Population of the United States to May 1, 1991

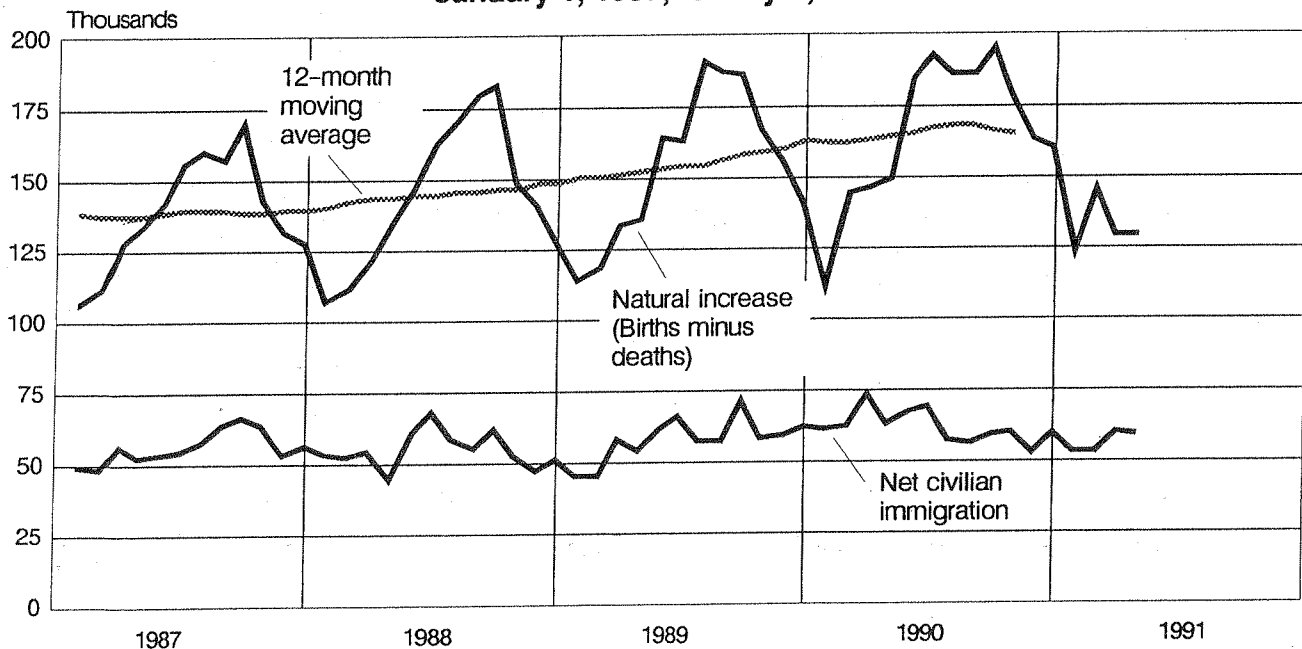
(The population counts set forth herein are subject to possible correction for undercount or overcount. The United States Department of Commerce is considering whether to correct these counts and will publish corrected counts, if any, not later than July 15, 1991)

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was estimated to be approximately 252,164,000 on May 1, 1991. This figure represents an increase of 2,706,000 or 1.1 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 188,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 128,000 (excess of births over deaths) and estimated net civilian immigration of 60,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The May 1, 1991, total population represents an increase of 2,918,000 over the population counted on April 1, 1990, which serves as the beginning point for the estimate.

This report presents estimates for months back to April 1, 1980, of the (1) total population including Armed Forces

overseas, (2) resident population, and (3) civilian population. The estimates are based on data from the decennial census; statistics on births and deaths provided by the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Public Health Service; statistics on immigration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; data on Federal civilian employees abroad and their dependents provided by the Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management; data on movement between Puerto Rico and the 50 States (including the District of Columbia) provided by the Puerto Rico Planning Board; and data on the Armed Forces provided by the Department of Defense. For a discussion of the estimating procedure used in deriving these estimates, see Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1045.

Components of Population Change, by Month:  
January 1, 1987, to May 1, 1991



**Estimates of the Population, by Type: April 1, 1980, to May 1, 1991**

(In thousands. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to March 1, 1980, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 1045. Estimates for months after April 1, 1980, not shown here are available on request. These are the first estimates to reflect the census of April 1, 1990, and are subject to change.)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
<b>1991</b>				<b>1988--Continued</b>			
December 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	May 1	244,637	244,120	242,447
November 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	April 1	244,471	243,952	242,246
October 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	March 1	244,306	243,785	242,060
September 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	February 1	244,159	243,639	242,910
August 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	January 1	244,009	243,490	241,760
July 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	<b>1987</b>			
June 1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	December 1	243,834	243,316	241,573
May 1	252,164	251,532	250,026	November 1	243,662	243,146	241,401
April 1	251,975	251,292	249,833	October 1	243,466	242,951	241,200
March 1	251,782	251,093	249,637	September 1	243,242	242,727	240,977
February 1	251,593	250,911	249,451	August 1	243,030	242,514	240,763
January 1	251,409	250,878	249,276	July 1	242,820	242,305	240,566
<b>1990</b>				June 1	242,624	242,111	240,385
December 1	251,184	250,661	249,045	May 1	242,438	241,925	240,195
November 1	250,969	250,452	248,836	April 1	242,266	241,753	240,012
October 1	250,726	250,205	248,589	March 1	242,092	241,579	239,834
September 1	250,472	249,971	248,327	February 1	241,943	241,427	239,679
August 1	250,224	249,719	248,067	January 1	241,796	241,279	239,537
July 1	249,975	249,466	247,826	<b>1986</b>			
June 1	249,714	249,202	247,575	July 1	240,658	240,140	238,419
May 1	249,458	248,944	247,313	January 1	239,642	239,114	237,415
April 1	249,246	248,710	247,090	<b>1985</b>			
March 1	249,034	248,517	246,859	July 1	238,466	237,924	236,219
February 1	248,851	248,333	246,663	January 1	237,472	236,942	235,259
January 1	248,684	248,168	246,489	<b>1984</b>			
<b>1989</b>				July 1	236,343	235,820	234,104
December 1	248,491	247,975	246,278	January 1	235,381	234,864	233,183
November 1	248,290	247,774	246,074	<b>1983</b>			
October 1	248,073	247,556	245,852	July 1	234,296	233,781	232,086
September 1	247,829	247,312	245,604	January 1	233,311	232,791	231,127
August 1	247,591	247,071	245,370	<b>1982</b>			
July 1	247,350	246,828	245,140	July 1	232,171	231,648	229,979
June 1	247,134	246,610	244,943	January 1	231,134	230,622	228,976
May 1	246,917	246,394	244,727	<b>1981</b>			
April 1	246,740	246,217	244,544	July 1	229,945	229,444	227,796
March 1	246,558	246,037	244,355	January 1	228,917	228,426	226,802
February 1	246,414	245,894	244,210	<b>1980</b>			
January 1	246,263	245,744	244,061	July 1	227,719	227,217	225,613
<b>1988</b>				April 1	227,061	<sup>2</sup> 226,546	224,968
December 1	246,094	245,575	243,879				
November 1	245,921	245,401	243,705				
October 1	245,729	245,207	243,502				
September 1	245,498	244,976	243,279				
August 1	245,272	244,749	243,056				
July 1	245,051	244,529	242,847				
June 1	244,834	244,315	242,650				

NA Not available

<sup>1</sup> Census count April 1, 1990-248,709,873

<sup>2</sup> Census count April 1, 1980-226,545,805